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SUBJECT: KORNIYENKO ON THE PRESENT STATUS OF SALT AND
THE MAP ISSUE

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER
KORNIYENKO ON ANOTHER MATTER AUGUST 8, KORNIYENKO
BROUGHT UP SALT, CHARGING THAT THE U.S. HAD NOT SHOWN
SIGNS OF HAVING TAKEN "ENERGETIC MEASURES" AS BOTH SIDES
HAD PLEDGED IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF LAST APRIL.

2. KORNIYENKO CLAIMED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE HAD LIVED
UP TO ITS UNDERTAKING BY MAKING NEW PROPOSALS IN THE
U.S. IN MAY. BUT THE U.S. RESPONDED WITH NOT ONE NEW
WORD.

3. I TOOK ISSUE WITH KORNIYENKO'S CHARACTERIZATION OF
THE RECENT SOVIET PROPOSALS AS "NEW," AND POINTED OUT
THAT THE U.S. SIDE HAD IN FACT MADE A NEW PROPOSAL IN
GENEVA, TO WHICH THE SOVIET SIDE DID NOT RESPOND.

4. KORNIYENKO ASSERTED THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD "THE
RIGHT" TO MAKE NO RESPONSE, SINCE THIS IS JUST WHAT THE
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U.S. DID LAST MAY IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK. BUT IN
FACT THE SOVIET SIDE HAD GIVEN CONSIDERATION TO THE
U.S. PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD IN GENEVA, REGARDED IT AS UN-
ACCEPTABLE, AS GROMYKO HAD SAID, AND THEN POSED ITS
QUESTION, WHICH WAS STILL UNANSWERED.

5. I INTERJECTED THAT SOME ON THE U.S. SIDE HAD THE

IMPRESSION THE SOVIET "QUESTION" IN FACT HAD BEEN FORMULATED IN MOSCOW WELL BEFORE THE GENEVA SESSION. KORNIYENKO DENIED THIS, SAYING THAT GROMYKO'S QUESTION WAS THE CONSIDERED RESPONSE OF THE SOVIET SIDE TO THE LATEST U.S. PROPOSAL. THE SOVIET SIDE WAS NOW AWAITING AN ANSWER. I INDICATED THAT MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY DID NOT EXACTLY COINCIDE WITH KORNIYENKO'S ACCOUNT, BUT UNDERTOOK TO REPORT KORNIYENKO'S COMMENTS. IN ANY CASE, WASHINGTON WAS NOW EXAMINING NEXT STEPS, AND WE HOPED MOSCOW WAS DOING THE SAME.

6. REGARDING MY DEMARCHE OF JULY 25 ON MAP ISSUE, KORNIYENKO VOLUNTEERED THAT AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE WOULD BE PROVIDED IN A FEW DAYS. HE ADDED THAT HE DID NOT THINK THE OFFICIAL REPLY WOULD DIFFER SIGNIFICANTLY FROM HIS UNOFFICIAL RESPONSE OF JULY 25. TOON

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